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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENTS & TRADEMARKS OFFICE

IN RE APPLICATION OF : :

Yuji MATSUYAMA, et al. : EXAMINER:

SERIAL NO: New Divisional Application : :

FILED: Herewith : GROUP ART UNIT:

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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

ASSISTANT COMMISSIONER FOR PATENTS
WASHINGTON, DC 20231

SIR:

Prior to examination on the merits, please amend the above-identified Divisional Application, filed under Rule 53(b), as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS

Please cancel Claims 9-24 without prejudice or disclaimer.

REMARKS

Favorable consideration of this Rule 53(b) Divisional Application as presently amended is respectfully requested.

Claims 1-8 are presently active in this case, original Claims 9-24 having been canceled by way of the present amendment. No new matter has been added. Claims 1-8